

a plurality of vertically disposed parallel side walls extending from edges of said base and defining at least two vertically oriented open areas between said side walls in communication with said openings in said base, said open areas having a cross sectional area larger than the cross sectional area of said openings in said base.

38. (Once Amended) The press block according to claim 37 wherein:

~~D~~ said rows and columns are also defined by reinforcement and insertion members; and

wherein there is a side wall corresponding to each insertion member and an open area corresponding to each column of discrete openings.

~~DZ~~ 44. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 38, further comprising a second press block, said press blocks stackable end-to-end without a loss of contact position.

45. (Once Amended) A press block for inserting a plurality of terminals into a substrate, the press block removably engaging the terminals and comprising:

~~DZ~~ a vertical face for receiving the terminals;

a plurality of side walls extending from said front face;

a plurality of vertically oriented open areas between said plurality of side walls and said front face; and

a plurality of openings through said front face in communication with said plurality

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of open areas;

wherein each of said openings receives a corresponding one of said terminals so that the terminals can extend through said openings and reside within said plurality of open areas during insertion.

53. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 45, wherein each of said vertically disposed open areas contains at least two vertically disposed openings.

54. (Newly Added) A press block for inserting a plurality of terminals into a substrate, the press block removably engaging the terminals and comprising:

a vertical face for receiving the terminals;  
a plurality of side walls extending from said front face;  
a plurality of vertically oriented and unobstructed open areas between said plurality of side walls and said front face; and  
a plurality of openings through said front face in communication with said plurality of open areas;

wherein each of said openings receives a corresponding one of said terminals so that the terminals can extend through said openings and reside within said plurality of open areas during insertion.